

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, and 5-7, and amended claims 1 and 4 are in this application.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garland, U.S. Patent No. 6,366,359.

Claim 1, as presented herein, recites in part as follows:

“a data **frame** memory for transiently storing therein data from the received television broadcast representative of **only one image at a time**, in which said one image is the same as that currently displayed by said picture display device;” (Emphasis added).

In explaining the above 103 rejection with regard to claim 1, the Examiner appears to assert that buffer 212 of Garland is the same as the memory of claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that for at least the reasons discussed below, buffer 212 of Garland is not the same as the present memory of claim 1.

Garland specifically discloses that its buffer 212 stores a plurality of images. For example, see lines 26-29 and 50-55 of column 5 of Garland wherein the following is recited:

“When system 200 is in print preview mode, the user can change the viewing direction of **the images stored in the buffer**, i.e. forward or rewind through **the stored images**, in order to select an image for printing....

The user can then decide (516) whether or not to continue forwarding or rewinding through **the images stored in buffer 212**. If the user desires to forward or rewind through **the stored images**, the user activates the forward or rewind control on the control means and steps 500 through 514 are repeated.” (Emphasis added.)

Accordingly, since the buffer 212 of Garland stores a plurality of images, such buffer is not the same as “a data **frame** memory for transiently storing therein data from the received television broadcast representative of **only one image at a time**, in which said one

image is the same as that currently displayed by said picture display device”, as in amended independent claim 1.

Accordingly, it is believed that amended independent claim 1 is distinguishable from Garland as applied by the Examiner.

Furthermore, although on page 6 of the present Office Action the Examiner mentioned frame or field buffers, it is unclear exactly how they apply if at all to the present 103 rejection. In any event, and as previously mentioned, the buffer 212 of Garland stores a plurality of images. Further, it would not have been obvious to replace the buffer 212 of Garland with a frame memory. In fact, Garland appears to teach away from such change. For instance, Garland specifically enables a user to “forward or rewind” through the images stored in the buffer in order to select an image for printing when system 200 is in print preview mode. As is to be appreciated, if buffer 212 was a frame memory and only held one image, there would not be a need to enable a user to “forward or rewind” through the one image stored in buffer 212.

For reasons somewhat similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also believed that amended independent claim 4 is distinguishable from Garland. Claims 2, 3, and 5-7 are dependent from one of the independent claims 1 and 4 and, due to such dependency, are also distinguishable from Garland for at least the reasons previously described.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the above 103 rejections of claims 1-7 be withdrawn.

The Examiner has made of record, but not applied, a U.S. Patent. The applicants appreciate the Examiner’s implicit finding that this reference, whether considered alone or in combination with others, does not render the claims of the present application unpatentable.

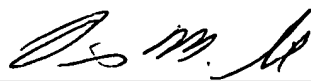
In the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where in the reference, there is the bases for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

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